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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF MEDICINES IN CGHS DISPENSARIES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether patients are facing difficulties due to shortage of medicines in CGHS dispensaries; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure availability of medicines in CGHS dispensaries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Adequate quantity of medicines are available in most of the CGHS dispensaries to meet day to day requirement of the beneficiaries. Medicines which are not available in dispensaries and prescribed by specialist are procured through authorized local chemists attached to individual dispensary. The urgently required medicines are also procured by the beneficiaries from the authorized local chemists without any payment, on the basis authority slips issued by CMO in-charge of the concerned dispensary.

In case there is no local chemists attached to the dispensary, beneficiaries are allowed to purchase medicine from open market. The expenditure incurred by the pensioner beneficiary is reimbursed by CGHS and in case of serving employees the same is reimbursed by Department Concerned.